

AYAKO SCHOOL OF BALLET



Dear ASB Students and Parents,

As we prepare for Fall 2020 semester, starting Tuesday, September 8th, we encourage all students to return to class and we look forward to welcoming each of you.

The Fall schedule has some exciting new classes; Modern class with ASB alumna, Patricia Ortiz, Pilates for core strength and injury prevention by former ASB jazz teacher Jennifer Jones, and classical variation class for level 2 and up. We hope this will enhance your enjoyment of your dance studies.

Over the last few months, we all, both students and teachers, learned a lot from our zoom teaching experience and it is truly amazing how well the students adapted to the changes. They made remarkable progress; grew stronger, improved their technique and were extremely focused – thank you!

For students who attended zoom classes regularly, teachers are in the process of writing evaluations and placements for the upcoming academic year will be sent out mid to late August.

Students who did not attend regularly will be asked to join open classes in the Fall so that they regain strength and technique without the risk of injury. More frequent open classes will be scheduled to give you more options and placements will be made for these students at the end of October. As classes will most likely continue on zoom for the first months of the 2020-2021 year, please be reminded of these expectations: join the zoom link a few minutes before class is due to start, ballet attire is required, hair must be drawn back in a bun, student's practice space should be free of distraction, camera should be turned on.

Please look out for ASB email and be ready to join us in September. We'll do our best to ensure a great ASB experience for all students. As always, we thank you for trusting ASB with your dance education.

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Should parents wish to make a small investment, a portable ballet barre and, especially for pointe classes, a section of dance floor can be helpful. Several students have purchased barres on amazon, flooring from Home Depot. Links to some suggestions are below. Please ask if you want more information.

Stamina Aluminum Studio Barre...

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00HR8BDTU?ref=ppx_pop_mob_ap_share

You can get a small Marley floor section from Harlequin.

https://us.harlequinfloors.com/en/shop/home-studio/harlequin-dance-mat/?gclid=CjwKCAjwmf_4BRABEiwAGhDfSRFt-xfro_qtS_taDNusHmFh-nKquQSxLgwIziLJCISbx01ECiCjhoCJ9MQAvD_BwE

Or you can also get a shower pan liner from Home Depot which is a bit cheaper and works quite well.

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Oatey-5-ft-x-6-ft-Shower-Pan-Liner-Roll-41631/202078083>

